Jensen Hughes,  
We aren’t fooled!  
You’re just Hillard Heintze in disguise!  
Minneapolis wants REAL REFORM

Hillard Heintze in Minneapolis

Jensen Hughes is the parent company of HH. In 2021 the city paid HH $230K for an “After Action Report” on how the MPD performed during the unrest following the murder of George Floyd.

There are no mentions of police riding around “hunting” protestors with 40 mm launchers, the beating of Jaleel Stalling while he was proned-out on the ground and kicked in the head then prosecuted for serious felonies, and total silence on the targeting of journalists. The report takes care to mention minor injuries to officers but whitewashes serious injuries to protesters.

HH only looked at 30 hours of MPD body worn camera footage out 1000s of hours of brutality.

There is an extensive emphasis on officer well-being, including a bizarre discussion of officer feelings of loneliness while on the front lines.

The report represents the protests as something regrettable that happened to the community, rather than something positive led by the community. It is littered with references to “violent protesters” and “outside agitators” but fails to acknowledge the police violence being protested or the violent police response to the protests.

HH failed to note the numerous lawsuits the city has faced for its brutality against protestors, journalists, and uninvolved individuals.

HH claims that they talked to only 85 people around the city including city staff, elected officials and people in a city-picked focus group – would they do the same poor job of listening to the community as monitors?

Terry Hillard’s Record

Hillard Heintze was formed by Arnette Heintze, a Secret Service officer, and Terry Hillard, a Chicago police officer for 35 years including 5 years as its Superintendent. The actions that happened under Hillard’s oversight makes HH an unacceptable candidate for monitor.

While Superintendent, CPD paid out $10 million in damages to 800 war protestors who Hillard ordered unlawfully arrested.
During Hillard’s tenure as a CPD officer, a group of officers under Commander Jon Burge tortured people—almost exclusively African Americans—in order to force confessions. Allegations included electric shock (often to the genitals), burning, suffocating with plastic bags, beatings, and mock executions. This torture went on for over 30 years and to hundreds of people. This was the first time in history Amnesty International requested an inquiry into police torture in the USA. Due to his position of oversight, Hillard was personally named in 5 civil rights lawsuits related to that torture scandal.

Investigators found that Burge’s “right-hand men” were complicit in the torture of people and called for discipline. Hillard ratified the OVERTURNING of that discipline.

The DOJ consent decree is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring real reform to policing. No one involved directly, or who acted complicitly, or who failed to stop this torture, or who stood in the way of discipline, should be involved in police oversight anywhere.

Reject Jensen Hughes/Hillard Heintze

Communities United Against Police Brutality objects to Jensen Hughes and its subsidiary Hillard Heintze due to its history of promoting the police narrative rather than participating in genuine police reform.

The core business of HH is preparing for and suppressing civil unrest, not by addressing the underlying causes but by telling police how to more effectively quash dissent.

In addition to the report for Minneapolis, HH wrote a similar report for La Mesa, CA which, just like the MPD report, glorified injuries inflicted by less lethal weapons against people exercising their First Amendment right to protest, while glossing over police misconduct and lawsuits stemming from police actions.

HH applied to be the monitor of the DOJ consent decree in New Orleans but community leaders, members of Congress, civil rights groups, and police reform groups, 38 in total, all worked together to tell the DOJ and City leadership “hell no to Hillard Heintze.” We must do the same.

Jensen Hughes announced the official acquisition and rebranding of Hillard Heintze in 2021. Jensen Hughes CANNOT be the Minneapolis consent decree independent evaluator (monitor)!

Tell the city NO to Jensen Hughes

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